

passed by the General Assembly in the year 1806, page 1101, entitled "an act to revise the militia laws of this state, relative to the artillery companies of light infantry, grenadiers and riflemen."—The amendment was concurred in, and the Senate informed thereof by message.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That Arthur Hutchins, be allowed the sum of thirty-two dollars to be paid by the Public Treasurer for carrying a writ of election from the Honorable Speaker of this House, to the Sheriff of Chowan county, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of James Skinner, esq. and that the rule requiring that resolutions be read three times, be dispensed with in this case.

*Ordered*, That the resolution be engrossed and sent to the Senate by message.

A message from the Senate, consenting to ballot immediately for a Solicitor, for the 6th Judicial Circuit, and informing that Mr. Forney and Mr. Outlaw, attend this House as a committee to superintend the balloting on their part.

On motion, *ordered*, that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Mr. Clancy and Mr. Sellers attend the Senate as a committee on the part of this House to superintend the balloting for Solicitor for the 6th Judicial Circuit.

The House proceeded to consider the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Bladen and Cumberland, presented by Mr. Ashe, the 23d ultimo, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, *ordered*, that the petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A message from the Senate, by their Clerk Assistant, informing that the Senate had passed a bill to repeal an act passed in the year 1822, entitled "an act to encourage the apprehension of runaway slaves, in the Great Dismal Swamp;" also a bill to regulate the practice in the several Courts of Equity in this State; also a bill directing in what manner the laws of our sister States shall be received in evidence in this State; and a bill to divorce Elizabeth Wilkins of the county of Burke, from her husband William Wilkins, and asking the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Clancy, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for a Solicitor of the 6th Judicial Circuit, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that it appeared on examining the ballots, a majority of the whole number was found to be in favour of Joseph Wilson, who was duly elected; the question to concur with the report passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Stanly, from the joint select committee appointed to enquire whether the public printing can be done on terms of more economy, reported that no change in the mode of compensating the Public Printer, or in the amount of compensation for public printing, can at this time be advantageously made. The question to concur with the report passed in the affirmative.